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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

The Report on Tests for Drunkenness.

IN October, 1925, the Council of the British Medical Association appointed a special committee to report and make recommendations on tests for drunkenness. The committee was fortunate in securing the assistance of a number of persons of special experience and knowledge to take part in its deliberations. The report of the committee was presented to the Council at its meeting on February 9th and published in the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of February 19th. It has now been reprinted in pamphlet form, price 2d., including postage. Copies can be obtained through any publisher, or direct from the Financial Secretary and Business Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

Harnett v. Fisher.

In the SUPPLEMENT of last week (p. 210) was published a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Chichester and Worthing Division asking for information on the absence of editorial comment in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL on the findings in the case of Harnett *v.* Fisher. The matter was discussed at the meeting of the Journal Committee on May 19th, when it was pointed out that full reports of the case in its earlier stages had been published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, including the proceedings of the appeal to the House of Lords, reported in the issue of March 12th (p. 496). As the House of Lords reserved judgement the case has been *sub judice*, but it is expected that its decision may be given very shortly.

Some Committee Work at Headquarters.

Four committees and one subcommittee met during the week beginning Monday, May 16th. The Central Ethical Committee approved, with minor amendments, a memorandum by the Deputy Medical Secretary reviewing the existing ethical machinery of the Association and putting forward certain suggestions for its extension. The memorandum will be presented to the Council at its next meeting for submission to the Representative Body. The Committee also adopted for submission to the Council and Representative Body a resolution on the question of advertising in the medical press institutions for special treatment. This matter was considered later by the JOURNAL Committee, which took the same view. The Medico-Political Committee had as usual a very heavy agenda covering a number of widely differing matters. Points of special interest arose in connexion with certificates often demanded by employers in cases under the Workmen's Compensation Acts, the new form of death certificate, and the medico-political aspects of the memorandum referred to above on the existing ethical machinery of the Association. The first point is one which has proved extremely troublesome to practitioners who wish to help their patients in every way possible, but naturally object to supplying employers gratis with certificates which the latter have no statutory right to demand from their employees. The Committee decided to make a thorough examination of the whole question next session. The intention of the new form of death certificate submitted by the Registrar-General for the advice of the Committee is to further, so far as possible in the existing state of the law, the Association's long-standing policy that certificates of the cause of death should be treated as confidential documents. The Parliamentary Elections Committee had to consider its report for submission to the Council and Representative Body. It will be remembered that at last year's Annual Representative Meeting some doubt was expressed as to the utility in present circumstances of the Medical Representation in Parliament Fund. The Committee believes that the potentialities of the Fund are by no means exhausted, and is recommending the Council accordingly. The Joint Research Subcommittee has now settled the form of its recommendations with regard to the institution by the Association of a new experiment in collective investigation. These recommendations will be considered by the June meeting of Council, and, if approved, should provide material of more than ordinary interest for discussion by the Representative Body.

Medical Secretaries' Visits.

On May 18th the Medical Secretary was present at a meeting of the Eastbourne Division which considered the issue of an invitation to the Association to hold its Annual Meeting at Eastbourne in the near future. The occasion was marked by an event of considerable interest—namely, the twenty-first anniversary as honorary secretary of the Eastbourne Division, of Dr. Muir Smith, the present holder of the office. It is not often that so long a term of office can be celebrated and the Association as well as the Division has reason to congratulate Dr. Muir Smith upon this landmark in an unusual record of service. During the war Dr. Muir Smith was honorary secretary of the Local Medical War Committee as well as of the Division. On the evening of May 17th the Deputy

Medical Secretary met the members of the medical staff of the Northwood and Pinner Hospital at Northwood to discuss the hospital policy of the Association, and he addressed the members of the Willesden Division next day on the work of the Association during the past year.

Rendering of Accounts to Local Authorities by Doctors called in by Midwives.

The Medico-Political Committee at its last meeting had under consideration complaints by doctors that local authorities had refused to settle accounts which they had sent in for services rendered when called in by midwives under Section 14 of the Midwives Act, 1918, on the ground that these accounts had not been rendered within the statutory period of two months. The position is as follows. Under the Midwives and Maternity Homes Act, which came into force on August 4th, 1926, Section 14 (2) of the Midwives Act, 1918, which governs the payment to doctors by local authorities of fees when they are called in on the advice of midwives, has been amended to read as follows:

"It shall be a condition of the payment of such fee that the medical practitioner so called in shall state in his claim to the local supervising authority the nature of the emergency, and shall submit his claim within two months from the date on which he was called in."

It is, therefore, the law that these accounts must be rendered within the prescribed period, and the Medico-Political Committee was informed officially that any local authority paying accounts not sent in within the statutory period would be surcharged by the auditor. The definite period was inserted in the Act because some doctors in the past had been very dilatory in sending in their accounts, thereby putting local authorities to great inconvenience in keeping their accounts in order. It is important that members of the profession should make a special note of the position and render an account to the local authority as soon as the attendance on a given case is completed.

NOTICES OF MOTION BY DIVISIONS FOR THE ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, EDINBURGH, 1927.

Locumtenents' Bureaux.

By GATESHEAD: That (with reference to paras. 24 and 25 of the Annual Report of Council) in the opinion of this meeting the Council has exceeded its instructions and failed to realize the basic policy set forth in Minutes 57, 58, and 59, A.R.M. 1925.

Advertisements of Pathological Institutes.

By GATESHEAD: That (with reference to the recommendations contained in para. 96 of the Annual Report of Council) the Representative Body disapproves of the policy advocated in relationship to the advertisement of Pathological Institutes such as is referred to in the first recommendation of Council upon Pathological Institutes, and instructs the Council to summarily exclude advertisements of such Pathological Institutes from the columns of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, this seeming to be in accord with the views expressed in paragraph 91 of the Annual Report.

Medical Practitioners Engaged in Municipal Maternity Hospitals.

By GATESHEAD: That (with reference to paras. 115 and 116 of the Annual Report of Council) the following resolution of the Annual Representative Meeting, 1926:

Minute 92.—Resolved: That where a general practitioner is called upon to render assistance at a confinement in a Municipal Maternity Hospital, the fees payable to such practitioner should not be less than the scale of fees approved by the Ministry of Health for the payment by Local Supervising Authorities to medical practitioners called in on the advice of midwives under Section 14 of the Midwives Act, 1918.

be amended (*a*) by the insertion, after the words a "confinement," of the words "or any condition arising directly out of parturition"; and (*b*) by the addition after the words "Midwives Act, 1918," of the words "but that the time limit of 28 days should be removed and the local supervising authority be responsible for the fees of medical practitioners under a similar scale until such time as the patient is removed from hospital."

Association Notices.

COUNCIL ELECTION.

THE names of members already declared elected to the Council for the session 1927-28 in respect of the nineteen groups of Home Branches in which there were no contests were published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT of May 7th, 1927 (p. 197). Dr. T. FRASER, C.B.E., D.S.O. (Aberdeen) has been elected as a result of the voting in the group comprising the Aberdeen, Dundee, Northern Counties of Scotland, and Perth Branches.

ELECTION OF FOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND FOUR DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVES BY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE MEMBERS.

The voting by the Public Health Service Members has resulted in the election of four representatives on the Representative Body of the Association, 1927-28, as follows:

Dr. T. EUSTACE HILL, O.B.E., Durham.
Professor H. KERR, O.B.E., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Dr. R. A. LYSTER, Hampshire.
Dr. E. WARD, South Devon.

and of four deputy representatives, as follows:

Dr. C. W. HUTT, Holborn, as Dr. HILL's deputy.
Dr. A. A. MCWHAN, Berwickshire, as Professor KERR's deputy.
Dr. A. MIDDLETON HEWAT, London, as Dr. LYSTER's deputy.
Dr. G. H. PEARCE, Batley, as Dr. WARD's deputy.

TABLE OF DATES.

June 2, Thurs.	Last date for receipt at Head Office of names of Representatives and Deputy Representatives.
June 8, Wed.	*Council.*
June 16, Thurs.	Meetings of constituencies must be held between this date and July 15th, to instruct Representatives.
June 25, Sat.	Supplementary Report of Council appears in SUPPLEMENT.
July 1, Fri.	Amendments and riders by Divisions and Branches for inclusion in A.R.M. Agenda must be received at Head Office by this date.
July 15, Fri.	*Annual Representative Meeting*, Edinburgh, 10 a.m. Nominations for election of 12 members of Council by grouped Representatives must be received (at A.R.M., Edinburgh) by this date, 2 p.m.
July 16, Sat.	*A.R.M.* (Edinburgh).
July 18, Mon.	*Council* (Edinburgh). *A.R.M.* (Edinburgh).
July 19, Tues.	*A.R.M.* Annual General Meeting, Edinburgh, President's Address.
July 20, Wed.	*Council* (Edinburgh). Conference of Honorary Secretaries (Edinburgh). *Meetings of Sections*, etc., Edinburgh.
July 21, Thurs.	*Meetings of Sections*, etc., Edinburgh.
July 22, Fri.	*Meetings of Sections*, etc., Edinburgh.

ALFRED COX, *Medical Secretary.*

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

EAST YORK AND NORTH LINCOLN BRANCH: EAST YORKSHIRE DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of the East Yorkshire Division will be held at Bridlington to-day (Friday, May 27th). Programme: 3 p.m.—The members will meet at the Priory Church and will be conducted over it by Canon Topham, after which the curator, Mr. Charlesworth, will show the party over the Bayle Gate and the museum. 4.15 p.m.—On adjourning to the board room of the Lloyd Hospital the business meeting will be held. Agenda: Annual report of the Executive Committee; financial statement; election of officers, representatives on the Branch Council, and Executive Committee. Tea will be provided by the hospital staff.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Edinburgh Branch will be held in the Scottish House of the Association, 6, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh (telephone: Edinburgh 24361), on Wednesday, June 15th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be served from 3.15. Business: Report of Branch Council, including the annual reports of Branch and of Divisions; treasurer's annual report and business; election of office-bearers for 1927-28; report of election of representative for 1927-28 for the Edinburgh and Fife Branches to the Council of the Association; election to the annual vacancy on the board of management of the Queen Mary Nursing Home; Annual Meeting of the Association in Edinburgh in July—reception by Branch; any other competent business.

KENT BRANCH.—The fourteenth annual meeting of the Kent Branch will be held at the Spa Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on Wednesday, June 15th. The Council will meet in the morning. The President-Elect, Dr. F. R. B. Bisshopp, kindly invites each member attending and his wife to luncheon at the Spa Hotel at 2 p.m. Annual meeting, 3 p.m. Agenda: Report of the election of new officers, who thereupon take office; thanks to retiring officers; report of Branch Council and financial statement; appointment of

auditor; inaugural address by the President. Garden party by the President and Mrs. Bisshopp at 4 p.m. Annual dinner (morning dress) at Spa Hotel (tickets 7s. 6d. each, exclusive of wines, which will be provided by the Tunbridge Wells Division), 7 p.m. Competition for the Tennyson-Smith golf challenge cup on the Spa Golf Club course. Intending competitors should at once send in their names, addresses, and handicaps to Dr. F. C. Linton, 6, Earl's Road, Tunbridge Wells, who will give all necessary information. Members intending to be present at the annual meeting are requested to send a postcard to Dr. D. Davies, 8, Lonsdale Gardens, Tunbridge Wells, not later than Saturday, June 11th, stating whether they will attend: (1) The President-Elect's luncheon, and whether alone or accompanied; (2) the annual meeting; (3) the annual dinner. The Spa Hotel is under a mile from the railway station and has ample accommodation for parking cars.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—The annual general meeting of the Metropolitan Counties Branch will be held at the British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, on Tuesday, June 21st, at 4 p.m. Business: (1) Report of scrutineers on election of officers; (2) Annual Report of Council; (3) report of representatives of the Branch on the Central Council; (4) to sanction the necessary alterations in the rules of the Branch to enable the president-elect to become an *ex-officio* member of all committees; (5) presidential address by Mr. E. B. Turner, F.R.C.S., entitled "Influenza from 1889 to 1927: its therapeutic and clinical aspects."

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LEWISHAM DIVISION.—A clinical evening arranged by the Lewisham Division will take place at St. John's Hospital, Lewisham, on Tuesday, May 31st, at 8.45 p.m.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the South-West Essex Division will be held in the Wesleyan Schoolrooms, High Road, Leyton (near Midland Station), on Tuesday, May 31st, at 3.30 p.m. sharp. Agenda: Correspondence; annual report of Division; election of officers for session 1927-28; lecture by Mr. A. J. Couzens, F.R.C.S., surgeon, Queen Mary's Hospital, Stratford: Personal experiences of abdominal disease, mainly from the diagnostic standpoint. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend this, the last meeting of the session. Tea at 3.15 p.m.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ST. PANCRAS DIVISION.—A meeting of the St. Pancras Division will be held at the British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, on Tuesday, June 14th, at 9 p.m. Mr. J. Paterson, C.B.E., will read a paper on internal haemorrhage.

MIDLAND BRANCH: CHESTERFIELD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Chesterfield Division will be held at the Maternity Hospital, Chesterfield, to-day (Friday, May 27th), at 8 p.m. Mr. A. M. Connell, professor of surgery in the University of Sheffield, will give an address on "Some of the injuries frequently met with in coal mining and their treatment by the general practitioner."

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: CLEVELAND DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of the Cleveland Division will be held at the Zetland Hotel, Saltburn, on Thursday, June 9th, at 3 p.m. Agenda: Letter from the secretary; statement of accounts: (*a*) annual financial, (*b*) voluntary fund, (*c*) dance; annual report of the Executive Committee; correspondence; election of representative and officers for 1927-28. Members attending the meeting and desirous of being served with tea should hand in their names to the hotel office on arrival. Tea will be served at 4 o'clock, charge 2s., payable at the time of booking.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: TYNESIDE DIVISION.—A golf match has been arranged to take place between the South Shields and Tyneside Divisions on Sunday, July 3rd, at Brancepeth. Lunch, 1 p.m.; singles, 2 p.m.; tea, 5 p.m.; foursomes, 6 p.m. As the object of the meeting is to further social intercourse, it is hoped that all members who have ever wielded a club will do so on this occasion, and that others who do not play will come also.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH: NORTHAMPTON DIVISION.—A meeting of the Northampton Division will be held at the General Hospital, Northampton, to-day (Friday, May 27th), at 3 p.m. Agenda: Annual Report of Council; medical charities; appointment of a divisional charities secretary, if considered advisable.

SUFFOLK BRANCH: SOUTH SUFFOLK DIVISION.—A meeting of the South Suffolk Division will be held at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Ipswich, to-day (Friday, May 27th), at 3.30 p.m. Non-members are also invited. Agenda: Business arising out of minutes; election of representative in Representative Body. A lecture on the modern attitude to functional nerve disease will be given by Dr. Hugh Crichton Miller.

SURREY BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Guildford Division will be held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on Thursday, June 2nd, at 4 p.m. Tea will be served at 3.45 p.m.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: HUDDERSFIELD DIVISION.—The annual picnic of the Huddersfield Division will take place on Wednesday, June 15th. The char-a-banc will leave York Place at 12.30 p.m. for Malham. Afternoon tea will be served at the Airedale Private Hotel on arrival at Malham about 3 p.m. The afternoon will be spent in and around Malham. Gordale Scar and Malham Cove are both within easy walking distance and there will be time to walk to both. The char-a-banc will leave Malham at 6 p.m. for Skipton, where dinner will be served at the Black Horse Hotel at 7 p.m. The char-a-banc will leave Skipton at 8 p.m., and return via Ilkley to Huddersfield, where the party should arrive about 10 p.m. The inclusive charge for char-a-banc, tea, dinner (exclusive of drinks), and tips will be £1 a head; for those going in their own cars 10s. a head. Arrangements for the dinner must be completed by Saturday, June 11th.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: ROTHERHAM DIVISION.—A meeting of the Rotherham Division will be held at the Crown Hotel to-day (Friday, May 27th), at 8.30 p.m. Agenda: Report of Executive Committee as to the scale of minimum commencing salaries for public health medical officers, and recommendation of Executive to adopt resolution under Ethical Rules; Annual Report of Council; appointment of representative in Representative Body; annual report of Division for 1926.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE (MIDLAND) BRANCH.

THE April meeting of the Cape Midland Branch was held at Graaff Reinet on April 23rd, when the President, Dr. J. G. MUTERER, was in the chair.

A visit was paid to van Ryneveld's Pass irrigation dam, after which the party motored to Dalham, where they were entertained to tea by Mrs. Walter Rubidge. A most enjoyable luncheon, presided over by Dr. MASSEY, followed at the Graaff Reinet Hotel, where the visitors were entertained by the local doctors, additional guests being representatives of the dental and legal professions. Reference was made to the fact that the meeting was the direct outcome of Dr. Cox's visit to Graaff Reinet last year.

The members then proceeded to the Midlands Hospital, where the meeting of the Branch was constituted. After Drs. Berg (Aberdeen) and Symington (Beaufort West) had been welcomed as guests, clinical cases were shown as follows:

Dr. H. C. HUDSON (Graaff Reinet) showed: (1) A European, wounded in France, who had received a bullet wound in the neighbourhood of the left groin, the point of exit of the missile being on the right buttock. The bullet, in its passage, had affected the femoral or common iliac artery, for a powerful, apparently sustained, thrill was palpable over the groin. On auscultation a loud aneurysmal bruit could be heard and traced in the line of the femoral artery as far as the popliteal space. A discussion on aneurysmal varix and varicose aneurysm followed. (2) A native child, aged 2½, with a large swelling underneath the tongue. When the case was first seen some months previously, the tumour was about the size of a large orange, completely blocking the mouth, and it had actually pushed out of the jaw all the lower incisor teeth and the canines. The swelling had been incised and a large amount of fetid material evacuated. Although much smaller in size now, it had filled up with clear fluid from time to time. In the differential diagnosis ranula and sublingual cyst were discussed.

Dr. BERG, who had brought two cases with him from Aberdeen (thirty-five miles away) by car, showed: (1) A native male, aged 11, who showed marked sabre blade deformity of both tibiae. The nasal cartilages had been attacked by the syphilitic process as far as the nasal bones, and the whole body was in an ulcerated condition. An interesting feature of the family history was that there were seven other children of the same parents, and all were apparently quite healthy. (2) A European girl, aged 11, who presented the features of the juvenile type of pseudo-hypertrophic muscular paralysis. The father and mother were both well, and there was no evidence of the condition having occurred in previous generations. Dr. Berg stated that her elder sister was suffering from the same condition, and probably would not live longer than a week. Her brother, aged 14, had died two months ago from the same condition. The third, her sister aged 13½, showed no signs of the condition. The fourth member of the family was the patient. Another brother and sister, aged 8 and 3 respectively, were perfectly well.

Dr. R. D. LAURIE (Port Elizabeth) demonstrated the following pathological specimens: (1) A five months' gravid uterus (foetus *in situ*) with fibroid, the size of a pineapple, undergoing red degeneration. (2) One of his own teeth with "abscess" attached which had been extracted after radiography because of a polyneuritis of some years' duration. A complete cure had been effected. Dr. R. D. Laurie showed also some dental radiograms indicative of dental sepsis, and a specimen of carneous mole from a case under the care of Dr. Wilson.

Dr. GORDON ROBSON showed a specimen of cerebral abscess, a full account of the case having been published recently in the *Journal of the Medical Association of South Africa*.

The cases and specimens were discussed very fully by the members present, who then adjourned for tea on the invitation of Matron Wallace.

On resuming, Dr. KARL BREMER (President-Elect) read a most informative paper on certain aspects of hydatid disease, which was most appreciated, especially by those members who had come from non-hydatid districts. Dr. R. M. LEITH (Port Elizabeth) read a paper on nasal polypi, and showed specimens. The paper contained much information of value to the general practitioner. Dr. GORDON ROBSON (Port Elizabeth) read some notes on the urea concentration test in its medical and surgical bearings. The reader hoped that the test, because of its simplicity, would be used more frequently in the elucidation of renal conditions. A general discussion on the three papers followed.

Dr. KARL BREMER then referred to this meeting as a medical oasis in the lives of the country members, laid particular stress on accessibility by road and rail being a powerful consideration in the determination of Branch and Division areas, and moved the

following resolution, which was seconded by Dr. HUDSON (Graaff Reinet) and directed to be sent to the Federal Council:

That it is desirable to form a Division of the Cape Midland Branch to comprise the districts of Graaff Reinet, Aberdeen, Murraysburg, Richmond, Jansenville, and Steytlerville.

This was unanimously agreed to.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: BURNLEY DIVISION.

A SCIENTIFIC meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch was held in the Victoria Hospital, Burnley, on February 23rd, when Dr. T. SNOWBALL, chairman of the Division, presided. The president of the Branch, Dr. Burton, and the honorary secretary of the Branch, Dr. A. C. Sturrock, were present, and cordial invitations were extended to all medical practitioners in Burnley and the district.

Mr. J. H. WATSON (Burnley) read a paper on fractures; Dr. HAWORTH (Nelson) discussed the physical examination of the heart in disease; and Dr. R. I. C. RODGERS (Burnley) read a paper on cholecystography; cases were shown by the medical and surgical staff of the hospital. Dr. PRIESTLEY, pathologist to the Burnley Corporation and Victoria Hospital, gave a demonstration in the pathological laboratory. Tea was afterwards provided for the members by the hospital board of management.

The meeting was very successful, and the comment was made by Dr. STURROCK that it was the first time within his memory that a Division had invited a Branch to a scientific meeting and had provided all the papers and demonstrations.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: CREWE DIVISION.

IN response to an invitation from Dr. Spriggs, the Crewe Division met at Ruthin Castle (Duff House), North Wales, forty-five miles from Crewe, on Wednesday, May 11th.

Dr. E. I. SPRIGGS received the party and gave a brief survey of the work of the institution. The visitors were shown over the various departments where demonstrations on diagnosis and treatment were given. They were much impressed by the completeness of the equipment for the scientific investigation and treatment of disease; the *x*-ray room received special attention. After tea, provided by Dr. Spriggs, the visitors made a tour of the older parts of the castle and grounds. Dr. PATTERSON, who conducted the party, gave an interesting résumé of the history of the castle, and with the help of maps and plans reconstructed as much as was known of the original lay-out of the place. On reassembling in the hall, Dr. ENGLISH (chairman) thanked Dr. Spriggs for his very great kindness in entertaining the party and in affording them such an interesting, instructive, and enjoyable outing.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LEWISHAM DIVISION.

THE annual general meeting of the Lewisham Division was held at the Town Hall, Catford, on May 17th, when Lieut.-Colonel C. THOMSON was in the chair.

The annual report was read and it was agreed to circulate it to the members with the next notice of meeting.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman, Dr. W. E. Hallinan, *M.C.* *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. J. W. Miller. *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. C. J. B. Buchan. *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. D. B. I. Hallett. *Deputy Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. C. J. B. Buchan.

The Annual Report of the Council was considered and the recommendation in regard to pathologists received special attention.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: MARYLEBONE DIVISION.

THE annual general meeting of the Marylebone Division was held on May 13th and was well attended. Dr. D. S. ROXBURGH was in the chair.

After the annual report had been read by the HONORARY SECRETARY the meeting proceeded to elect divisional officers, representatives, and deputy representatives, and to nominate various members for office on the Branch Council.

The Annual Report of Council was next considered. Dr. C. O. HAWTHORNE opened the discussion on pathologists and pathological institutes; after a short discussion a resolution approving of the Council's report on this matter was carried.

Mr. WALTER G. SPENCER read a short paper on the Dogs Bill. This elicited considerable discussion in which LORD DAWSON, Mr. BISHOP HARMAN, and Drs. HAWTHORNE, GOODBODY, and ROXBURGH took part. A resolution in the same terms as that at the meeting held at the British Medical Association House on April 4th, 1927 (SUPPLEMENT, April 9th, p. 114), was carried unanimously.

The Landlord and Tenants Bill No. 2 was discussed in an opening paper by Dr. GRAHAM LITTLE, M.P., who held out hopes that professional premises would be included in the bill.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers of the Division was proposed by Dr. C. O. Hawthorne, who called for special recognition of the services of the retiring honorary secretary after eight years' service. The motion was ordered to be placed on record in the minute book. Dr. SPURGIN briefly replied.

WILTSHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual general meeting of the Wiltshire Branch was held at the County Mental Hospital, Devizes, on May 11th, when the President, Mr. H. H. GREENWOOD, was in the chair.

The following officers were elected:

President, Dr. Tangye. *President-Elect*, Dr. A. W. K. Straton. *Vice-President*, Mr. H. H. Greenwood. *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. C. E. S. Flemming. *Deputy Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. J. E. Gordon. *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. F. F. Bond.

The following resolution proposed by Dr. FLEMMING was adopted:

That this meeting approves of ante-natal examination and is anxious that any movement to encourage it should be supported in every way, but is of opinion that more harm than good will be done if an attempt is made to carry out the work in the manner suggested by the form issued by the Central Midwives Board for use by midwives.

A copy of the resolution was directed to be sent to the British Medical Association, the Central Midwives Board, the Ministry of Health, and the Wilts County Council.

Dr. TANGYE announced that he was preparing a simpler form which would be better adapted for use by the average midwife, and the matter was referred to the Medical Advisory Committee.

After the meeting the members were entertained to tea, and were shown round the institution.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: WAKEFIELD, PONTEFRACT, AND CASTLEFORD DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division was held at the Great Bull Restaurant, on May 12th, preceded by supper at 7.45 p.m. Dr. T. GIBSON was in the chair, and nineteen other members were present.

Correspondence in reference to street accidents and medical charities was read, and the honorary secretary was instructed to act in accordance with Circular D11 26-27, when it was necessary again to circularize members.

Some discussion took place with reference to an inquest on a hospital patient when the local coroner called a night sister to give evidence instead of the resident medical officer, who was thus deprived of his fee. In view of the fact that the new Coroners Act had only recently come into force, it was decided to take no action in the matter.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman, Dr. T. Gibson. *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. H. Scholefield. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. N. S. Twist. *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. Steven. *Deputy Representative*, Dr. Duff.

Rules of organization for the Division were adopted.

The Annual Report of the Council was discussed, and appreciation of its contents was expressed.

The annual report of the Division recorded a membership of 87. During the year seven lecture meetings with an average attendance of 30 took place, and were much appreciated; the Executive Committee met on four occasions.

At the conclusion of the general business, Dr. G. C. ANDERSON, Deputy Medical Secretary, gave an extremely interesting and lucid account of the work of the Association during the past year. On the motion of Dr. HILLMAN, seconded by Dr. STEVEN, a vote of thanks to Dr. Anderson was carried with acclamation.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: YORK DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the York Division was held on May 7th. At the commencement of the proceedings Dr. P. MACDONALD was in the chair.

With reference to travelling expenses for medical witnesses in coroners' courts the HONORARY SECRETARY reported that the East Riding County Council had, at his request, reconsidered the matter, and had subsequently agreed to allow the expenses.

The annual report of the honorary secretary having been circulated was approved.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman, Dr. G. W. Gostling. *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. N. C. Forsyth. *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. J. C. Lyth. *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. P. Macdonald. *Deputy Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. H. E. K. Reynolds.

In the absence of Dr. G. W. Gostling, the vice-chairman, Dr. N. C. FORSYTH, succeeded to the chair.

On the motion of Dr. LYTH, seconded by Dr. EVELYN, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring chairman, Dr. P. Macdonald, for his services during the past year.

The annual report of the Council was discussed and the representative duly instructed.

It was decided to approve the following fees arranged for police calls in the West Riding area between the honorary secretary and the chief constable, subject to reasonable mileage being paid: 7s. 6d. for day call and 10s. 6d. between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m.

In connexion with the 1,300th anniversary of St. Peter's School, York, Dr. LYTH called attention to a proposed memorial to be erected in the shape of a new library for the school, and suggested that the Division might mark its appreciation of the advantages to the local medical profession of such a school by raising a voluntary fund towards the memorial. After discussion it was resolved that a fund should be raised to allow of an annual science prize being given to the school, to be known as the British Medical Association Science Prize, and that members be asked to subscribe to this fund subject to a sum of not less than £50 being promised before the 1,300th anniversary (June 29th).

Reference was made to a circular issued by the Medical Defence Union and the London and Counties Medical Protection Society, regarding limitation of liability, and urging the desirability of an *x*-ray examination in every case of injury to a bone or joint. The honorary secretary was instructed to write to headquarters explaining the concern felt by the Division at the limitation of liability, and requesting that the matter should be taken up with the societies.

The HONORARY SECRETARY reported that in compliance with the request from the Medical Secretary, he had communicated with Sir John Marriott, M.P., urging him to use his vote and influence against the passage of the Dogs Bill, and had received a sympathetic reply.

GENERAL COUNCIL
OF
MEDICAL EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION.

SUMMER SESSION, 1927.

THE one hundred and twenty-fifth session of the General Medical Council opened on Tuesday, May 24th, at its house in Hallam Street, London. Sir DONALD MACALISTER, Bt., K.C.B., presided.

Appointments.

The appointment of the following new members of Council was officially notified: Dr. E. Farquhar Buzzard, as representative of the Royal College of Physicians of London for five years from January 27th, 1927, and of Dr. H. H. Dale, as Crown nominee for five years from April 22nd, 1927. Both the new members were introduced by Sir Humphry Rolleston and took their seats. Professor Thomas Sinclair was also introduced on his reappointment as Crown nominee for Northern Ireland for five years from May 13th, 1927. Professor Sinclair was introduced by Dr. J. A. Macdonald.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Sir Donald MacAlister then delivered the following address from the chair.

Gentlemen,—Two years ago it fell to me to intimate the retirement of our able colleague, Sir Isambard Owen, after a long life of distinguished service to University education in England and Wales. I have now, with regret, to announce that he died in Paris on January 14th, at the age of 75, happy in the fruition of his manifold labours, and in the enjoyment of the honour these had brought him.

Retirements and New Appointments.

Sir Nestor Tirard, a Crown member for England, and Sir Edward Coey Bigger, Crown member for Ireland, have retired on the expiration of the term for which they were appointed.

We cannot part with Sir Nestor without grateful acknowledgement of the valuable assistance he has for thirty-two years, and in numerous capacities, rendered to the Council in connexion with its work on the *Pharmacopoeia*. As secretary, reporter, medical editor, member and honorary secretary of the Pharmacopoeia Committee, and representative of the Council on a succession of national and international conferences and committees, he has freely given of his time and labour to the advancement of pharmacopoeial knowledge, and the improvement of pharmacopoeial organization. He was originally appointed in 1895 to act as secretary to the Pharmacopoeia Committee, and to assist the President in matters relating to the *Pharmacopoeia*. Three presidents in succession have had abundant reason to be thankful to him for his faithful and effective help, and none more than myself during the twenty-three years of my presidential association with him. He has amply earned, and I am sure he will receive, the thanks and good wishes of the Council, and indeed of the profession at large.

In filling the vacancy caused by Sir Nestor Tirard's retirement, His Majesty in Council has been graciously pleased to have regard, as before, to our responsibility for the production of the *British Pharmacopoeia*. The new Crown member is Dr. Henry Hallett Dale, C.B.E., F.R.S., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., Secretary of the Royal Society, Head of the Department of Biochemistry and Pharmacology of the Medical Research Council, and like Sir Nestor a member of the Advisory Committee under the Therapeutic Substances Act, soon to become fully operative. Dr. Dale's great eminence in the application of pharmacological and biochemical science to medicine, and his administrative experience in many fields, will render him specially welcome to the Council in general, and to the Pharmacopoeia Committee in particular. Having had the privilege of association with him in detailed inquiries bearing on the *Pharmacopoeia*, I can testify to his grasp of its problems, and his readiness to further their solution. It is with real and hearty satisfaction that I have given him in your name the right hand of fellowship. I have no doubt that your enlightened self-interest will move you to appoint him forthwith to the Pharmacopoeia Committee, in the hope that his multitudinous avocations will permit him, in growing measure, to afford it his aid and counsel.

For ten years Sir Edward Coey Bigger has co-operated with us, particularly in matters concerning public health and professional examinations, on which he is recognized as an expert authority. He has just furnished the Executive Committee with a useful and interesting report on his recent visit to universities and medical schools in Australia and Ceylon. It is an incidental consequence of the establishment of the Irish Free State, in which, after holding high office in the medical service of former Governments, he is now a senator and chairman of the Public Health Council, that he leaves us for other duties. He will carry with him, into the new spheres of administrative usefulness that are entrusted to his charge, our sincere and very friendly congratulations.

No new member, but an old and experienced colleague, Colonel Thomas Sinclair, C.B., M.P., and Senator of Northern Ireland, has taken Sir Edward's place as Crown member for Ireland. We shall, therefore, still continue to enjoy the benefit of his kindly wisdom. The Queen's University of Belfast has not yet nominated a successor to Colonel Sinclair.

The Royal College of Physicians of London has, however, sent us, in the room of Sir Humphry Rolleston, now member for Cambridge University, a worthy successor in the person of Dr. Edward Farquhar Buzzard, M.A., M.D., Physician Extraordinary to the King, and an old Oxford "blue." He will find on the Council many who already know and appreciate his published writings on neurological medicine, and who will value his personal acquaintance and his fellowship in the work of the Council.

The Council will learn with regret that we can no longer call upon Mr. E. W. Hansell, K.C., for the service as Assessor he has, since 1920, most efficiently and acceptably rendered. We can but offer him our congratulations on the promotion to judicial office which has placed him beyond our reach, and the assurance of our unfailing regard for him as jurist and as friend.

In order that you may not be without skilled advice during the present meeting, I have, with the approval of the Executive Committee, arranged for the attendance of Mr. Douglas Bartley, who has already been invited to advise the Dental Board as its assessor. In the course of the session I shall take your instructions regarding the future.

The Position in the Irish Free State.

I mentioned in my address last November that the Medical Act, 1926, of the Irish Free State would expire in February, 1927, unless fresh legislation was carried through. A Medical Act, 1927, was accordingly passed in that month to enable the existing arrangements to be continued until June 21st, 1927. In the meantime, conferences have taken place between the Governments of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Free State, at which I was courteously invited to be present. These have happily resulted in an agreement which has been signed on behalf of the three Governments, has been ratified by the Free State Legislature, and now awaits parliamentary ratification in this country. It provides that the Medical Acts hitherto in force in Great Britain and Ireland shall continue to apply to the Free State, as concerns the functions, constitution, powers, authorities, and jurisdiction of the General Medical Council and its Branch Councils. It provides that the direct representative for Ireland shall continue to be elected by the registered practitioners resident in any part of Ireland, and that the Crown member for Ireland shall be appointed by His Majesty in Council on the recommendation of the Governor of Northern Ireland. And it ensures that practitioners registered in the *Medical Register* shall be entitled to be registered and to practise in the Free State.

By an Act of the Oireachtas a Free State Medical Council has been established to maintain a local medical register distinct from the *General Register*, and to exercise in regard to it a jurisdiction distinct from that of the General Council. But the jurisdiction of the General Council in Southern Ireland will not be displaced or diminished for any purpose of admission to or removal from the *General Register*, or of maintaining the standard of professional education and examination in reference to registrable qualifications granted in Ireland.

The provisions of the agreement appear to me, after careful, and indeed anxious, consideration, to afford a satisfactory solution of the professional problems created by the establishment of the new Governments in Ireland. It is equitable as between autonomous Governments. It is practicable from an administrative point of view. Above all, it necessitates no change in the relations that have so long subsisted between the General Council, its Irish Branch Council, and the licensing bodies and medical practitioners of Ireland.

Reciprocity with Quebec.

The Executive Committee has received information to the effect that the Legislature of the Province of Quebec has abrogated Section 48 of its Medical Law. This section enacted that practitioners registered in Great Britain and Ireland under the Medical Acts were entitled to be licensed to practise in the Province, provided Part II of the Medical Act, 1886, was applied to Quebec. That application was made in this country, for the purpose of thus establishing reciprocity, in 1908; and for nearly twenty years the medical degrees granted by Laval and McGill Universities have been registrable in our *Register*. If the abrogation of the section is confirmed, practitioners registered in this country will henceforth be denied the privilege of registration in the Province, to which they have hitherto been entitled. It will, therefore, become the Council's duty to represent to His Majesty in Council that the conditions laid down in the Medical Act, 1886, are no longer fulfilled in Quebec, and to suggest that the Order in Council of 1908 should accordingly be rescinded. From a letter sent on behalf of the Provincial Council it appears that "the ever-increasing number of 'strangers' who come to exchange their English licence" for that of Quebec has moved the Council to procure the repeal of reciprocity.

Indian Universities.

The visit paid to India during the winter months by Sir Norman Walker and Colonel Needham, on the invitation of the Secretary of State, with the concurrence of the Government of India and of the provincial authorities, was successfully completed in March. I am happy to say that, though Sir Norman gravely risked his health and Colonel Needham sacrificed his home leave in undertaking the journey, both have returned home safe and well. They speak warmly of the manner of their welcome everywhere, and of the opportunities of conference and counsel afforded them by the Viceroy, the Governors of the Presidencies and Provinces, the Universities and Colleges, and the medical profession throughout India. Communications which have reached me from these and other sources testify that the visit was regarded as of deep importance for the future of Indian medicine, and that the Council's acceptance of the invitation addressed to its representatives had been rightly interpreted as attesting its sincere interest in India and its genuine wish to contribute to her progress in professional education. The Council owes a special debt of gratitude to its envoys for the way in which they have carried through their delicate and difficult mission, and for the happy impression of the Council's purpose and desire they have conveyed to the Indian authorities.

They have now reported to the Executive Committee on those parts of their comprehensive survey that concern the immediate question before the Committee—namely, the continuance for a further period of the recognition granted to certain Indian medical degrees. A report of a satisfactory nature has been received regarding the efficiency of the Medical College at Singapore; and also reports dealing with Calcutta, and with the new Universities of Rangoon, Patna, and Andhra, which call for detailed consideration. To these reports, and to certain larger questions of primary importance on which much has still to be reported, the Committee proposes to devote its July session. In particular it is imperative to discuss what steps can be contrived to maintain in India, for degrees that may be recognized for extra-Indian purposes, the standards of education and examination that are necessary to guarantee their sufficiency for registration and practice in this country. It is clear that recognition, renewed from year to year under conditions that cannot be fully complied with, does not afford a solution of the problem. The whole subject must be placed on a more satisfactory basis. The condition of periodic visitation and inspection through the direct agency of the Council is no longer practicable The number of universities and medical colleges has greatly increased. They are scattered over a vast area from Bombay to Rangoon. And in future the high personal qualifications and ample experience of our present visitors may not be at our disposal. Thus it appears highly expedient that steps toward a new method should now be taken. These steps must originate in India, and we learn that Indian proposals, bearing on the subject of central direction, have already been under consideration by the Government and the Legislature. Whatever method is adopted, it seems necessary for efficiency that it should be carried out as a function of Government, or by some single authority in India with which the Council could communicate directly, and from which it could obtain from time to time the information it requires to enable it to fulfil its duties under Part II of the Medical Act, 1886. In view of the commissions that will soon be set up to consider *inter alia* improvements in the machinery of Indian administration, it may be opportune for the Council to call the attention of the Secretary of State to the *lacuna* in medical organization I have indicated. In order to give an opportunity for the initiation of improved arrangements in this regard, the Executive Committee have at this session resolved to renew for one year more the recognition hitherto accorded to the medical degrees of Bombay, Madras, Lahore, and Lucknow.

Births and Deaths Registration Act.

I am asked by the Ministry of Health to call the attention of the Council and of the profession to the fact that the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1926, comes into operation on July 1st, 1927. Section 6 provides that "Every certificate of cause of death required to be given by Section 20 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1874, shall be in the prescribed form; and the forms to be furnished under paragraph (1) of that section shall be the forms so prescribed." The new forms are less ambiguous than the old, and are intended to enable practitioners to furnish the precise information that is essential for the compilation of accurate national statistics. Medical practitioners will do well, in view of the Council's *Warning Notice* concerning laxity in certification, to give heed to the altered form of testimony which the law now requires; and teachers of medical students, in giving them the instructions "on the duties which devolve on practitioners in relation to the State," recommended in the Council's resolutions on the curriculum, will no doubt take the opportunity of pointing out the obligations imposed by the new law concerning death certification.

The Pharmacopoeia.

The Committees on the *Pharmacopoeia*, and on the Poisons and Pharmacy Acts, to which I referred in my last address, have been occupied in taking evidence on the subjects referred to them. They are, I understand, shortly to proceed to the preparation of their reports, and these we may hope to have before us at our next session.

Disciplinary Inquiries.

Much of your time will be taken up by judicial inquiries of a disciplinary nature, and the usual reports from Standing Committees, some of them dealing with large questions of medical education and examination, will be presented. Unless something unforeseen occurs, there is reason to hope that the session will not extend beyond this week.

National Insurance.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL OPINION ON THE ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT.

SEVERAL committees of the London County Council have been examining the majority and minority reports of the Royal Commission on National Health Insurance, and their observations were presented to the Council on May 24th. The only matter which directly affects the Council, apart from its position as an employer of labour, is the proposed abolition of insurance committees and the transference of their powers and duties to the appropriate local authorities. This proposal is welcomed by all the four committees of the Council to which the question has been referred. The Public Health Committee considers it to be an encouraging step in the direction of that unification of local administration which is essential in order to attain efficiency and economy in health services. The outstanding feature in the findings of the Royal Commission, in the Public Health Committee's view, is the unanimous opinion that the insurance scheme should be considered not merely as a self-contained system, but in its relation to those other important and varied activities of the State which are concerned in the promotion of health. The defect arising from the multiplication of administrative bodies and division of functions in respect to health services is one which, the Public Health Committee states, has been acutely felt for years by those intimately concerned with public health work. The committee regrets, however, that the Commission has not seen its way to entertain the proposal put to it by the Council for certain grants and allowances from insurance funds in aid of work centres and other benefits for tuberculous persons in connexion with the national scheme for the treatment of tuberculosis. The Special Committee on Health Administration in London concurs in these views. The Finance Committee thinks that some increase of expenditure might at first follow the amalgamation of staffs of the Council and the Insurance Committee, though eventual economies would be possible, and the committee is of opinion that there is no reason why the Council should not administer the insurance service as economically as this has been done hitherto. The Local Government Committee of the Council shares these opinions.

Correspondence.

Payments Under the Midwives Acts.

SIR,—Medical practitioners have recently been refused payment for assisting midwives in emergencies by the Devon County Council, on the ground that the accounts for such assistance have not been sent in within two months from the date of the first attendance. Reading Section 2, subsection 2, of the Midwives Act, 1926, with Section 14, subsection 2, of the Midwives Act, 1918, it is a condition of payment of such fees that the accounts must be rendered within two months from the date of the first attendance, and therefore, strictly speaking, the Devon County Council are within their rights as laid down by statute in refusing to consider a claim for fees under the Midwives Acts which is rendered after the two months statutory period.

Unfortunately no notice of this regulation is conveyed to the medical practitioners, and those who are not familiar with the Midwives Acts are consequently not aware that it is important to render their accounts as soon as possible. Even if there are solid grounds for stringently requiring the early rendering of such accounts it would seem to be only fair that due intimation of this most unusual condition should be communicated to the practitioners concerned.

The matter is not one of interest to the medical profession only, it also concerns the public very seriously, since the result of failure to obtain payment in such circumstances has led medical practitioners to decline to attend cases on the summons of a midwife. It would be very unfortunate if this state of affairs should continue or extend.

—I am, etc.,

HUGH WOODS,
General Secretary, London and Counties Medical Protection Society, Ltd.

May 23rd.

*** A current note bearing on this subject appears at p. 214 this week.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Surgeon Commanders J. D. Keir to the *Barham*, additional, and as Squadron Medical Officer from date of joining; W. W. D. Chilcott to the *Vivid* for R.N. Barracks, Devonport, and as Specialist in Ophthalmology; F. H. Holl to the *Vivid* for R.N. Barracks, Devonport; R. Willan to the *Excellent*, temporary, and as Specialist in Ophthalmology (amended appointment); B. S. Robson to the *Vivid* for R.M. Infirmary, Plymouth.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders K. A. I. Mackenzie to the *Victory*, additional, and for P. and R.T. School, Portsmouth, and as Specialist in P.R.T.; B. S. Collings to the *Revenge*; O. J. M. Kerrigan to the *Impregnable*; J. J. Carroll to the *Tamar*, additional, and for Hong-Kong Dockyard.

Surgeon Lieutenants J. Johnston to the *Dahlia*; R. Burns to the *Adamant*; J. C. Souter to the *Stuart*; L. P. Sayers to the *Benbow*; C. R. Moore to the *Wallace*; J. B. Horan to the *Furious*.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

The following Captains to be Majors: C. H. G. Penny (prov.), H. E. P. Yorke, M.C.

Lieutenant (on probation) H. McVicker is confirmed in his rank.

J. D. Dillon to be temporary Lieutenant.

W. F. Cooper to be Lieutenant (on probation).

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE.

Squadron Leader F. E. Johnson to Heliopolis Details.

Flight Lieutenants J. Perry-Evans to No. 208 Squadron, Egypt; F. L. White to No. 2 Armoured Car Company, Palestine; L. C. Palmer-Jones to No. 4 Flying Training School, Egypt.

Flight Lieutenant H. H. R. Bailey relinquishes his temporary commission on completion of service.

Flying Officer R. Thorpe to No. 4 Squadron, South Farnborough.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

Lieut.-Colonel W. R. Battye, D.S.O., has resumed charge of the appointment of Administrative Medical Officer in Central India and Residency Surgeon, Indore.

Lieut.-Colonel G. Hutcheson, Officiating Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals and Prisons, Assam, is confirmed in that appointment.

Major-General R. Heard, C.I.E., Lieut.-Colonel C. A. Gourlay, D.S.O., and Major J. G. B. Shand have retired from the service.

COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

Dr. W. J. D. Inness, Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, Sierra Leone, appointed Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, Gold Coast. Dr. D. D. McCarthy appointed Medical Officer, Zanzibar. Drs. E. A. Trim and N. M. Maclennan appointed Medical Officers, Kenya. Dr. S. G. Harrison appointed Medical Officer, the Gambia. Dr. F. Ross promoted Specialist, Medical Department, Nigeria. Dr. J. C. Cruikshank confirmed in his appointment as Medical Officer, the Gambia. Dr. J. C. S. McDonald, Assistant Director Medical and Sanitary Service, Nigeria, transferred to Sierra Leone.

VACANCIES.

BELFAST: MATER INFIRMORUM HOSPITAL.—Honorary Radiologist.

BIRMINGHAM EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Assistant School Medical Officer (male). Salary £600 per annum.

BRADFORD CITY.—Assistant School Medical Officer. Salary £600 per annum.

BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Honorary Clinical Assistants.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

BURSLEM: HAYWOOD HOSPITAL.—Honorary Radiologist.

CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, S.W.3.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART AND LUNGS, Victoria Park, E.2.—House-Physician (male). Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL, Buxton.—Assistant House-Physician. Salary £150 per annum, rising to £175 after three months.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.—Radiologist. Salary £700-£35-£1,120 per annum.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE RESEARCH COMMITTEE.—Research Officer. Salary up to £750.

HAMPSTEAD GENERAL AND NORTH-WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Haverstock Hill, N.W.3.—(1) Casualty Surgical Officer at the Out-patient Department. (2) House-Surgeon. Salary in each case at the rate of £100 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. Salary £50 each for six months. (3) Resident Medical Officer (unmarried) at the Branch Hospital, Tadworth Court; salary at the rate of £250 per annum.

KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL, Canterbury.—Third Resident Medical Officer. Salary £125 per annum.

KENT COUNTY MENTAL HOSPITAL, Chartham, near Canterbury.—Junior (Fourth) Assistant Medical Officer and Pathologist (male). Salary £350 per annum.

LIVERPOOL AND SAMARITAN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

LONDON HOSPITAL, E.—Resident First Assistant to the Gynaecological and Obstetric Department. Salary £300 per annum.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—University Chair of Pathology tenable at St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College. Salary £1,000 a year, together with £500 as Pathologist to the Hospital.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

MANCHESTER EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Two Assistant School Medical Officers (males). Salary £600 per annum, rising to £750 each.

MANCHESTER: ROYAL MANCHESTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—Senior Medical Officer for Out-patient Department (non-resident). Salary £300 per annum.

MIDDLESBROUGH: NORTH RIDING INFIRMARY.—Honorary Anaesthetist.

MILLER GENERAL HOSPITAL, Greenwich Road, S.E.10.—Assistant Physician.

NEWARK HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Surgeon (male). Salary £200 per annum.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE CITY MENTAL HOSPITAL, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary £350 per annum.

NORTH MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL, Edmonton, N.18.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £400 per annum.

OXFORD: RADCLIFFE INFIRMARY AND COUNTY HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Surgeon. (2) Obstetric House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £120 per annum each.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S MATERNITY HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road, N.W.1.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary £80 per annum for three months, rising to £100 on appointment as Senior.

QUEEN MARY'S HOSPITAL FOR THE EAST END, Stratford, E.—(1) Honorary Assistant Physician. (2) House-Physician. (3) Two House-Surgeons. (4) Obstetric House-Surgeon. (5) House-Physican and Casualty Officer.

ROCHDALE INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary £200 per annum.

ROCHESTER: ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.—Resident Surgical Officer (unmarried). Salary at the rate of £225 per annum.

ROYAL DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON, Leicester Square, W.C.2.—Honorary Pathologist.

ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, City Road, E.C.1.—Out-patient Officers. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.7.—Assistant Surgical Officer. Honorarium £75 per annum.

ROYAL WATERLOO HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN, Waterloo Road, S.E.1.—Honorary Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon.

SALVATION ARMY (MOTHERS' HOSPITAL), Lower Clapton Road, E.5.—Junior Resident Medical Officer (female). Salary at the rate of £60 per annum.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY.—Assistant Medical Officer at King George's Sanatorium for Sailors, Liphook, Hants. Salary at the rate of £200 per annum.

SHEFFIELD: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

SMETHWICK COUNTY BOROUGH.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health (male). Salary £550 per annum (if married, £700 per annum without board and residence).

SOUTH LONDON HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, South Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.—Clinical Assistant (woman) to the Ear, Nose, and Throat Department.

SOUTHAMPTON: FREE EYE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary £150 per annum.

SUNDERLAND: MONKWEARMOUTH AND SOUTHWICK HOSPITAL.—Honorary Surgeon.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Tite Street, Chelsea.—Senior Resident Medical Officer (male). Salary £250 per annum.

WEST DERBY UNION.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer (male) at the Walton Institution, Rice Lane, Liverpool. Salary at the rate of £200 per annum.

WEST HERTS HOSPITAL, Hemel Hempstead.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary £150.

WHICKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.—Medical Officer (lady) of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres. Fee £1 11s. 6d. per session.

WILLESDEN GENERAL HOSPITAL, Harlesden Road, N.W.10.—(1) Honorary Surgeon to Ear, Nose, and Throat Department. (2) Out-patient Clinical Assistants.

WINDSOR: KING EDWARD VII HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

YORK DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Officer (female). Salary £150 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The following vacant appointments are announced: Canterbury (Kent), Chepstow (Mon.), Tarbert (Argyll), Totnes (Devon). Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

MEDICAL REFEREES UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.—(1) Dumfries County. (2) Districts of Chester, and Nantwich and Crewe County Courts. Applications for (1) to the Private Secretary, Scottish Office, Whitehall, S.W.1, and for (2) to the Private Secretary, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1, by June 15th.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

APPOINTMENTS.

WATT, Lily M., M.B., Ch.B.Aberd., D.P.H., Assistant Child Welfare Officer for the county of Durham.

YOUNG, W. Arthur, M.B., B.S.Lond., Professor of Bacteriology to King Edward VII College of Medicine, Singapore.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—D. Davies, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., for the Resolven District (Glamorgan); A. W. McGregor, L.R.C.P. and S.Edin., for the Mauchline District (Ayr).

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

Section of Surgery.—3.30 to 5 p.m., Cases. 3.45 p.m., Mr. Wardill: Demonstration of Apparatus for the Estimation of Palatal Incompetence, with especial Reference to Deficiencies of Speech. 5 p.m., Discussion: The Treatment of Cleft Palate by Operation; to be opened by Sir James Berry and Mr. Grey Turner.

Section of Comparative Medicine.—Thurs., 5 p.m., Adjourned Meeting to conclude the Discussion of the Paper by Dr. M. J. Rowlands on Rheumatoid Arthritis—Is it a Deficiency Disease?

Social Evening.—Fri., 8.30 p.m., Reception by the President and Lady Berry. Members of the Inter-State Post-Graduate Assembly of North America will be invited. 9.30 p.m., Address by Dr. G. W. C. Kaye, Superintendent, Physics Department, National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, on *X* Rays and Some of their Uses.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—*Royal Waterloo Hospital:* Mon., 2 p.m., Lecture: Diabetes. *Samaritan Hospital for Women:* Mon., 2 p.m., Clinical Demonstration. Free to members of the medical profession.

LONDON SCHOOL OF DERMATOLOGY, St. John's Hospital, Leicester Square, W.C.2.—Tues., 5 p.m., Drug Eruptions. Thurs., 5 p.m., Eczema.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL, Queen Square, W.C.1.—Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 2 p.m., Out-patient Clinics. Mon., 12 noon, Pathology of the Nervous System; 3.30 p.m., Spastic Paraplegia. Tues., 3.30 p.m., Neuro-syphilis. Thurs., 3.30 p.m., Encephalitis Lethargica—the Chronic Stage. Fri., 12 noon, Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System; 3.30 p.m., Differential Diagnosis in Nervous Diseases. Operations: Tues. and Fri., 10 a.m.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.15.—Mon., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Gynaecological Clinics; Operations. Tues., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, Throat, Nose, and Ear Clinics; Operations. Wed., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical Skin and Eye Clinics; Operations. Thurs., 11.30 a.m., Dental Clinics; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinics; Operations. Fri., 10.30 a.m., Throat, Nose, and Ear Clinics; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Surgical, Medical, and Children's Diseases Clinics; Operations; 4.30 p.m., Special Demonstration on Selected Cases of Nerve Diseases.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.—Tues., 3.15 p.m., Dyspepsia in Children.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, Institute of Pathology and Research, Paddington, W.2.—Thurs., 5 p.m., Alkalinity of the Blood.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE ASSOCIATION.—Wed., 3.30 p.m., Visit to the Wellcome Museum of Medical Sciences, Endsleigh Gardens, W.C.1.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith, W.6.—Mon., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Genito-urinary Operations, Skin Department, Surgical Wards; 2 p.m., Surgical Wards, Gynaecological and Eye Departments. Tues., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lecture on Clinical Methods, Demonstrations in Venereal Diseases and Chest Cases; 2 p.m., Medical Wards, Throat, Nose, and Ear Department. Wed., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Children's Medical Out-patients, Medical Wards, Demonstration in Medical Pathology; 2 p.m., Surgical Wards, Eye Departments. Thurs., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Neurological Department, Demonstration of Fractures; 2 p.m., Eye and Genito-urinary Departments, Gynaecological Ward. Fri., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gynaecological Operations, Dental, Skin, and Electrical Departments, Clinical Demonstration; 2 p.m., Throat, Nose, and Ear Department. Sat., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bacterial Therapy Department, Children's Medical Department. Daily: Operations, Medical and Surgical Out-patients at 2 p.m.

JAMES MACKENZIE INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH, St. Andrews.—Tues., 4 p.m., The Interpretation of the Opaque Meal.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Tues., 4.15 p.m., The Parathyroid Gland and its Use in Medicine.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY POST-GRADUATE CLINICS.—At Jessop Hospital: Tues., 3.30 p.m., Some Obstetrical Emergencies. At Royal Infirmary: Fri., 3.30 p.m., Clinical Cases.

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MAY.

27 Fri. London: Lunacy Law and Administration Committee, 2.30 p.m.
London: Ophthalmic Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Chesterfield Division: Maternity Hospital, Chesterfield. Mr. A. M. Connell on Injuries met with in Coal Mining, 8 p.m.
East Yorkshire Division: Annual Meeting, Lloyd Hospital, Bridlington, 4.15 p.m. Conducted party over Priory Church, Bayle Gate, and Museum, 3 p.m.
Northampton Division: General Hospital, Northampton, 3 p.m.
Rotherham Division: Crown Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
South Suffolk Division: Crown and Anchor Hotel, Ipswich. Dr. H. Crichton Miller on Functional Nerve Disease, 3.30 p.m.

31 Tues. London: Psycho-Analysis Committee, 3 p.m.
Lewisham Division: Clinical Meeting, St. John's Hospital, Lewisham, 8.45 p.m.
South-West Essex Division: Annual Meeting, Wesleyan School-rooms, High Road, Leyton. Mr. A. J. Couzens on Abdominal Disease from the Diagnostic Standpoint, 3.30 p.m.

JUNE.

2 Thurs. Guildford Division: Annual Meeting, Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, 4 p.m.

8 Wed. London: **Council**, 10 a.m.

9 Thurs. Cleveland Division: Annual Meeting, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn, 3 p.m.

10 Fri. London: Library Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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BIRTH.

MATHISON.—On May 17th, at 30, Willoughby Road, Hornsey, N.8, to Madaline, the wife of Arthur J. Mathison, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

GARSCADDEN—BEAULANDS.—At Bolton Abbey Church, by the Rev. C. F. Tomlinson, Andrew Vint Garscadden, M.B., Ch.B., to Marjorie, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Beaulands, "The Rhyddings," Ilkley, Yorks. At home, June 29th and 30th at "Dial House," Burley-in-Wharfedale, Yorks.

DEATH.

BRYCE.—On Sunday, May 8th, 1927, at 72, Stroud Green Road, London, N., John Richmond Bryce, M.D., D.P.H., Barrister-at-law, in his 66th year.

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